



NEWS RELEASE

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Unanticipated Delays at the Pit River Bridge Observed

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 traffic advisory

Higher than normal southbound truck traffic over the past three Sundays has caused unexpected backups on the Pit River Bridge over Shasta Lake.

The bridge, located 10 miles north of Redding on Interstate 5, is currently under construction with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction.

Normal late summer heavy traffic, combined with these additional truck volumes, is expected to cause even more delays to Sunday travelers.

Southbound motorists could experience delays of 10 minutes to one hour on Sundays between 11:00am and 9:00pm, throughout August. Caltrans advises motorist to consider altering their travel plans to avoid delays at the bridge during these times.

Motorists should prepare for delays by arriving at the bridge with a full tank of gas and bringing along plenty of drinking water, snacks and something to occupy any children traveling with you.

The California Highway Patrol will be enforcing speed limits and a service patrol contractor will be available to keep traffic flowing. The contractor can assist overheated vehicles with water, supply gasoline and/or tow disabled vehicles out of the roadway to keep traffic flowing.

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